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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/786,305

Applicant: Labrie, et al.

Filed: May 6, 2002

Title: **"APPARATUS FOR DEPLOYING AN AIR BAG THROUGH A HARD PANEL"**

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Examiner: Peter C. English

Docket No.: TRM DV 2539

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 12 of this paper.

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01 FC:1201 172.00 DA **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 21 of this paper and include 6

replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.

Re-examination and reconsideration is requested.

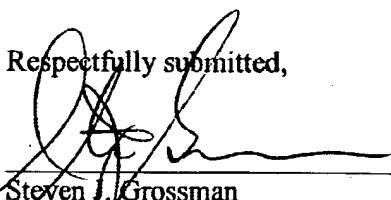
teach or suggest an air bag canister opening having the same general arcuate shape as the air bag door. Rather the reference shows only a partial arcuate tear seam.

In consideration of the amendments to the claims and the remarks hereinabove, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims currently pending in the application are believed to be in condition for examination. Allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

Respectfully submitted,


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